

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Gibson and Dern. Claim 1 has been amended to emphasize a key difference between the present invention and the related art: while both Gibson and Dern disclose swaddling blankets with panels that contact an infant's head, the present invention teaches against and specifically excludes hoods or other excess material that may contact an infant's head, thereby triggering the rooting response and disturbing the infant. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of currently amended claim 1.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Gibson and Dern. Claim depends on rejected claim 1. Since claim 1 has been amended and should be in allowable condition, dependent claim 2 should also be allowable. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of original claim 2.

Claim 3 was objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claim 1. Since claim 1 has been amended and should be in allowable condition, original dependent claim 3 should also be allowable. Additionally, the Office stated that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 1. New claim 15 incorporates the limitations of both original claims 1 and 3. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of original claim 3 and new claim 15.

Claim 4 was objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claim 1. Since claim 1 has been amended and should be in allowable condition, original dependent claim 4 should also be allowable. Additionally, the Office stated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 1. New claim 16 incorporates the limitations of both original claims 1 and 4. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of original claim 4 and new claim 16.

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Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Gibson and Dern. Claim depends on rejected claim 1. Since claim 1 has been amended and should be in allowable condition, dependent claim 5 should also be allowable. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of original claim 5.

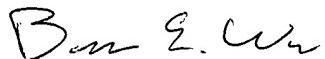
Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Gibson and Dern. Claim depends on rejected claim 5. Since claim 1 has been amended and should be in allowable condition, dependent claims 5 and 6 should also be allowable. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of original claim 6.

Claims 7 and 8 were allowed.

New claims 9 - 14 and 17 - 20 have are presented to more specifically claim certain aspects of the present invention. Forms PTO/SB/17 and PTO-2038 are attached to remit payment for seven new independent claims.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Amended drawing sheets
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